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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: DISPOSITION OF CONVAIR 440 AT DON MUANG

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1. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO TRY TO CONTACT DR. JACK GARFINKLE, REPORTED TO BE REGISTERED OWNER OF CONVAIR 440 PARKED AT THAI-AM DON MUANG SINCE EVACUATION OF PHNOM PENH. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS 14944 SHERMAN WAY, VAN NUYS, CA; HOME PHONE 213-781-6494, OFFICE PHONE 213-986-2131.

2. MR. FRANK SILBA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY ROBERT FERGUSON (REFTEL) OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AIR TRANSPORT, SINGAPORE, IS CURRENTLY IN BANGKOK SEEKING CUSTODY OF CONVAIR 440. SILBA ALLEGES THAT FERGUSON OWNS THE ENGINES, AND HAS SOUGHT PERMISSION, REFUSED BY THAI-AM, TO REMOVE ENGINES FROM AIRCRAFT. THAI-AM, NATURALLY, DOES NOT WISH TO BE LEFT WITH ENGINELESS AIRFRAME ON ITS RAMP, AND SEEKS INSTEAD TO COLLECT FOR REPAIR AND STORAGE CHARGES, AND HAVE AIRCRAFT FLOWN OUT.

3. ACCORDING AMERICAN LAWYER HERE, GARFINKLE AND FERGUSON HAVE BEEN FEUDING IN COURTS IN PHNOM PENH AND
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LOS ANGELES, AND BRAWLING IN STREETS IN BOTH CITIES, FOR

TWO YEARS OVER OWNERSHIP AND WAGE PROBLEMS. THEREFORE, IT
WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO AVOID FERGUSON'S NAME IN URGING
GARFINKLE TO MAKE DISPOSITION OF AIRCRAFT.

4. OUR GUESS IS THAT THAI-AM WILL PETITION COURTS TO
SELL AIRCRAFT IN SETTLEMENT OF DEBTS UNLESS GARFINKLE
ACTS QUICKLY TO PROTECT HIS INTERESTS IN CONVAIR 440
AS WELL AS THREE OTHER AIRCRAFT, ALL BELIEVED TO BE C-46'S.

5. WE WILL RETURN THIS PROBLEM TO THE MFA'S DOORSTEP
IF GARFINKLE CAN BE LOCATED.
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